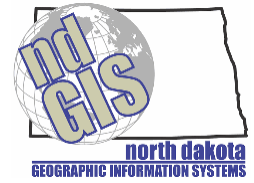# FREE GIS WORKSHOPS
February 15 and February 20, 2008

Metadata in the Dakotas: Safeguarding GIS Data Through Metadata

Creating and collecting GIS data requires a large investment. One of the most important things you can do to safeguard that investment is to create metadata. Metadata is simply a means to preserve important details about the data.

The Mid-America Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC) through a National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreement Program grant has developed the MAGIC Metadata Triage workshop program and materials. Each of the MAGIC states is hosting metadata workshops geared towards data creators and users interested in realizing better metadata within their respective states and the GIS community in general. All are welcome.

North and South Dakota have teamed up to offer two identical hands-on workshops, one in Pierre and one in Fargo. Each workshop will last approximately six hours.

Topics of this workshop include:

1) Understanding metadata
2) The value of metadata
3) Searching with metadata
4) Creating and working with metadata

This workshop is intended for anyone who creates or maintains GIS data, as well as those interested in sharing their data with others. Having good metadata may save you time, not only as a reminder of how and when the data was created, but also giving others information about your data, saving them from having to call you with questions regarding your data. *Users may bring their own data to create metadata for as part of the afternoon metadata creation exercise*.

Workshop Information:

Pierre	Fargo
When: February 15, 2008	When: February 20, 2008
Time: 9:00-4:00 CST	Time: 9:00-4:00 CST
Location: Foss Building, 3rd Floor, BOP Computer Lab	Location: NDSU, Ehly Hall, Room 117
Registration: Go to the webpage http://www.state.sd.us/bop/training/GIS%20Courses/home.htm and click on "Metadata in the Dakotas"	Registration: Please contact Bob Nutsch at bnutsch@nd.gov ; please provide your name, employer, mailing address, phone number, and email